GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL COASTAL PROJECT FOR MAHARASHTRA
Gadakh Shri Tukaram Gangadhar

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has approved the proposal received from the State Government of Maharashtra for Central assistance of Rs. 195 crore (approx.) under the National Coastal Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the Central assistance sanctioned thereof; and

(d) the progress made in the implementation of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (d): The Maharashtra Maritime Board submitted a proposal for an estimated cost of Rs.195.50 crore in July, 2002 for inclusion in the proposed National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP). The proposal includes 72.36 km of anti-sea erosion works in Mumbai, Mumbai Suburban, Thane, Raigarh, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg Districts.

As the NCPP seeks external funding, an approach paper on coastal protection has been prepared and forwarded through to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for consideration. The ADB deputed an Inception Mission to the concerned States during September − November, 2006 as also a Fact Finding Mission to three States namely Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka during April − May, 2007. The decision about financial assistance by ADB is dependent upon the evaluation by the Mission.